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SUBJECT: UN HABITAT PREPCOM II - DRAFT DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

1. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT, IN VIEW OF ALL FACTORS INVOLVED, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH US TO OBJECT TO THE SECRETARIAT DRAFT FORMULATION DEALING WITH THE RIGHT TO DIGNITY AND SELF-DETERMINATION (CHAPTER II, PARAGRAPH 4) IN SUBJECT DOCUMENT. OF CONCERN IS THE SECOND SENTENCE WHICH READS: "IT IS THEREFORE THE DUTY OF ALL PEOPLES TO JOIN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, FOREIGN AGGRESSION AND OCCUPATION, DOMINATION, APARTHEID, AND ANY OTHER FORM OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SUCH FACTORS AS RACE, SEX, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR CULTURAL TRADITION." WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE DESIRE NOT TO PEN THIS SECTION UP IN HOPES OF FINESSING THE ISSUE OF ZIONISM/RACISM, WE HAVE IN THE PAST RESISTED PHRASEOLOGY COUCHED IN THE LANGUAGE OF STRUGGLE AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE TERM "NEO-COLONIALISM."

2. FROM MISSION'S PERSPECTIVE, ISSUE OF ZIONISM/RACISM WILL OR WILL NOT ARISE DEPENDING ON WHETHER CERTAIN DELS WISH TO MAKE TROUBLE, AND NOT SIMPLY ON THE WORDING OF

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THIS PARAGRAPH. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE

INSTRUCTIONS GIVE USDEL FLEXIBILITY TO SEEK IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE WORDING DEPENDING ON THE TACTICAL SITUATION AS THE
NEGOTIATIONS DEVELOP.

3. DISCUSSION OF DECLARATION BEGINS TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

HENCE, WE NEED INSTRUCTIONS SOONEST.

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